

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 161710

21

ORIGIN IO-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 ARA-06 EA-06 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CAB-02

CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-07 INR-07 NSAE-00

FAA-00 SS-15 NSC-05 L-03 /090 R

DRAFTED BY IO/TRC:MPE OYT:BGR

APPROVED BY IO/TRC C.J. GRIP

EB/TT:RWALDMANN

IO/UNP:VHARTLEY

EUR:DGOOTT

ARA/LA/USOAS:GMONSMA

EA/RA:LMCNUTT

AF/I:JWALKER (INFO)

NEA/RA:SPALMER (INFO)

FAA:JSCHAFER CAB:ECORBOY

----- 121236

R 100057Z JUL 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY MADRID

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 161710

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 161710

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF REPLACEMENT FOR ICAO COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

1. ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT BINAGHI (ARGENTINA) HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO LEAVE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF HIS 3-YEAR TERM FOR WHICH HE REELECTED OCTOBER 1974. HE WILL HAVE SERVED 18 YEARS. (ONLY OTHER PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL WAS DR. WARNER (USA) WHO SERVED SINCE BEGINNING OF ICAO IN 1947 TO 1957.) COUNCIL DECIDED ON JUNE 11 (AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE ON HOW EXTENSIVE AND EXPLICIT NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE) TO INFORM ALL CONTRACTING STATES OF BINAGHI'S INTENTION TO RESIGN AND OF COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT DURING THE 86TH COUNCIL SESSION NOVEMBER 1 DECEMBER 19, 1975. NOTIFICATION WENT TO ALL MEMBER STATES IN LETTER FROM ICAO SECRETARIAT DATED JUNE 19. ALTHOUGH LETTER DOES NOT CALL FOR STATES TO NAME CANDIDATES, IT IS ASSUMED THAT STATES WISHING TO PUT FORTH CANDIDATES MAY AND WILL DO SO
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 161710

BY NOTIFYING ICAO SECRETARIAT. NO STATE HAS YET OFFICIALLY NAMED A CANDIDATE, BUT IT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN ICAO CIRCLES THAT PRESENT ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL KOTAITE (LEBANON) IS IN FACT A CANDIDATE AND HAS THE UNOFFICIAL BACKING OF BINAGHI AS WELL AS THE 3 ARAB STATES ON COUNCIL.

NO STATE -- INCLUDING THE US -- HAS ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR ANY CANDIDATE. NO SERIOUS CANDIDATE HAS YET BEEN MENTIONED FOR SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO MUST ALSO BE ELECTED, IF KOTAITE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

2. AT COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 11, PRC REP ALSO SUGGESTED

THAT ICAO CONDUCT A QUOTE POLICY REVIEW UNQUOTE OF ICAO IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT. MOROCCAN REP HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US REP THAT HE ALSO INTENDED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR A REORGANIZATION OF ICAO, BUT HE HAS NOT YET DONE SO. PRC SUGGESTION WAS SIMPLY NOTED BY THE COUNCIL AT THIS STAGE, BUT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE MAY BE PURSUED IN FALL SESSION.

3. US VIEWS: WE WISH TO SEE ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO KEEP ICAO DOING WHAT IT IS DOING AT PRESENT IN THE SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SECURITY FIELDS, WHILE STEERING IT OUT OF CONTENTIOUS AREAS. WE FEEL STABILITY IN ICAO, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL ORGANS PERMANENTLY IN SESSION AT HEADQUARTERS, HAS BEEN FOSTERED BY LONGEVITY IN TENURE OF ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND THEIR AVIATION ORIENTATION. THIS HAS MAXIMIZED THEIR IDENTITY WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHILE MINIMIZING THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITIES AND SUSCEPTIBILITY TO POLITICAL PRESSURES. WE BELIEVE LONG RUN US INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND, OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ASIDE, WE EXPECT THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BEST BE PRESERVED BY (A) ENCOURAGING SECRETARY GENERAL TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND SEEKING STRONGER CANDIDATE HAVING GOOD AVIATION ORIENTATION, OR ALTERNATIVELY, (B) PERMITTING SECRETARY GENERAL TO MOVE FORWARD TO ASSUME COUNCIL PRESIDENCY, IF THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS, WHILE SEEKING STRONG SUCCESSOR TO SECRETARY GENERAL.

4. REORGANIZATION INITIATIVES: WE BELIEVE LONGEVITY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 161710

TENURE IN THESE TWO PRINCIPAL ICAO OFFICERS HAS BEEN OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN SECURING US OBJECTIVES IN PAST, AND WOULD EXPECT PROPONENTS OF REORGANIZATION TO STRIKE AT THIS IN BELIEF GREATER FLEXIBILITY WOULD SERVE THEIR ECONOMIC INTEREST. IN INTEREST OF MAINTAINING MAXIMUM STABILITY DURING TRANSITION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENTS THEREFORE, WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF TAKING UP REORGANIZATION IDEAS IN CONTEXT OF ELECTION QUESTION. IN ANY EVENT, WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PRC AND MOROCCAN PROPOSALS BEFORE WE CAN DECIDE HOW TO MEET THEM.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES: REQUEST YOU SOUND OUT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS, MEMBERS OF ICAO COUNCIL, ABOUT THEIR PRESENT THINKING ON THIS ICAO ELECTION QUESTION. WE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN CANDIDATES THEY MAY HAVE IN MIND TO SUCCEED BINAGHI AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, OR TO REPLACE KOTAITE AS SECRETARY GENERAL IF THEY FAVOR HIS ELECTION TO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. OUR GENERAL VIEWS AT THIS STAGE ON ELECTION QUESTION

AND REORGANIZATION IDEAS ARE THOSE SET OUT IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE, AND YOU MAY CONVEY THESE AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS. YOU MAY STATE THAT OBJECTIVE OF US SOUNDINGS IS TO START PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS TO IDENTIFY BEST AVAILABLE NEW LEADERSHIP FOR TOP ICAO POSTS AND TO FACILITATE ELECTIONS TO ONE OR BOTH POSTS IN FALL SESSION OF COUNCIL. YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT OUR INITIATIVE IN STARTING CONSULTATIONS REFLECTS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ASSURING BEST POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT OVER IMPORTANT WORK ICAO PERFORMS.

6. INFORMATION ADDRESSEES: WE WISH FOR PRESENT TO LIMIT SOUNDINGS TO CAPITALS OF ACTION ADDRESSEES, BUT REQUEST INFORMATION ADDRESSEES (WHOSE HOST GOVERNMENTS ALSO REPRESENTED ON ICAO COUNCIL) TO BE ALERT TO AND REPORT ANY OFFICIAL VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THIS ELECTION QUESTION. INGERSOLL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION RESULTS, ELECTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE161710
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: IO/TRC:MPE OYT:BGR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750237-0981
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197507104/baaaaoup.tel
Line Count: 181
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 MAY 2003 by Izenbel0>; APPROVED <29 SEP 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO
To: BONN
BRASILIA
BUENOS AIRES
CANBERRA
LONDON
OTTAWA

PARIS
ROME
STOCKHOLM
TOKYO INFO BELGRADE
BEIRUT
CAIRO
DAKAR
HONG KONG
ISLAMABAD
JAKARTA
LAGOS
MADRID
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006